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**By ECF**

Honorable George B. Daniels  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Room 630  
New York, New York 10007

Re: GFS Inc., d/b/a Jobee's Orient, and Theresa Shieh v. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of the City of New York, et al., 08CV6276 (GBD)

Dear Judge Daniels:

This office represents defendants<sup>1</sup> in the above-referenced action. I write to request a 45-day extension of defendants' time to respond to the complaint so that this office will be able to finish gathering information required to respond to the plaintiff's allegations. Additionally, I will be at trial from September 18th through October 2nd. Moreover, defendants Martha Robinson and Beth Torin have not yet been served individually. Currently, defendants' answer in this action is due on August 25, 2008. Plaintiffs have consented to this request. This is

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<sup>1</sup> We represent the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene ("DOHMH") and DOHMH Commissioner Thomas R. Frieden. We anticipate that we will be representing defendants Martha Robinson and Beth Torin.

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defendants' first request for an extension of its time to respond to the complaint and I respectfully request that your Honor grant the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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